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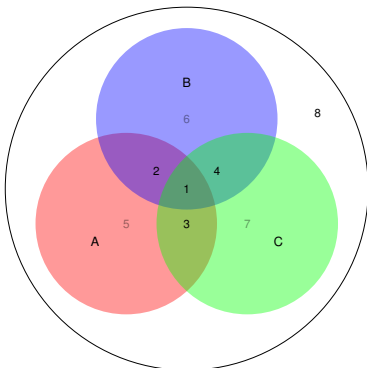
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# Sum of products from sets

## Regions

- 1  $A \cap B \cap C$
- 2  $A \cap B \cap \bar{C}$
- 3  $A \cap \bar{B} \cap C$
- 4  $\bar{A} \cap B \cap C$
- 5  $A \cap \bar{B} \cap \bar{C}$
- 6  $\bar{A} \cap B \cap \bar{C}$
- 7  $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \cap C$
- 8  $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \cap \bar{C}$



## Selections

1, 2:  $A \cap B$

$$(A \cap B \cap C) \cup (A \cap B \cap \bar{C})$$

$$abc + ab\bar{c} = ab$$

1, 2, 3, 5:  $A$

$$(A \cap B \cap C) \cup (A \cap B \cap \bar{C}) \cup (A \cap \bar{B} \cap C) \cup (A \cap \bar{B} \cap \bar{C})$$

$$abc + ab\bar{c} + \bar{a}bc + \bar{a}b\bar{c} = ab + \bar{a}b = a$$

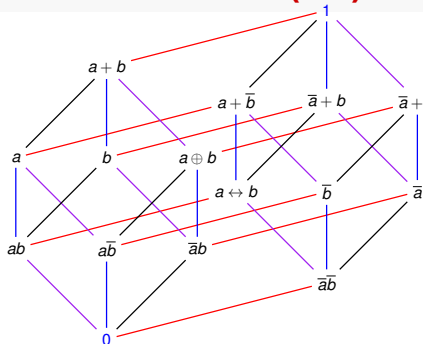
$a$  I have an item from A

$\bar{a}$  I don't have an item from A

$\bar{a}b + c$  I have an item from A but not from B or an item from C



# Boolean lattice (BL) for 2 variables



- A *literal* is a variable ( $a$ ) or its complement ( $\bar{a}$ )
- A Boolean expression is a string built from literals and the Boolean operators without violating their arity
- Grouping with parentheses is permitted

- Such an expression is *well formed* or syntactically correct
- A fundamental product (FP) is a literal or a product of two or more literals arising from distinct variables
- A FP involving all the variables is a *minterm* – atoms in the BL
- A FP  $P_1$  is contained or included in  $P_2$  if  $P_2$  has all the literals of  $P_1$ ; then  $P_2 \Rightarrow P_1$  ( $P_2$  implies  $P_1$ )
- A *sum of products* (SOP) expression is FP or a sum of two or more FPs  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  and  $\forall i, j, P_i \not\Rightarrow P_j$
- DeMorgan's laws, distributivity, commutativity, idempotence, involution may be used to transform a Boolean expression to SOP



# Functional completeness

- May be derived from the Boolean lattice
- OR is required to compute the joins on the elements
- NOT and AND are required to compute the atoms from the proposition variables

$x$	$y$	$\bar{x}$	$x \cdot y$	$x + y$
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	1

**NAND**  $\overline{x \cdot y}$

**NOR**  $\overline{x + y}$

**XOR, AND**  $x \oplus y, x \cdot y$

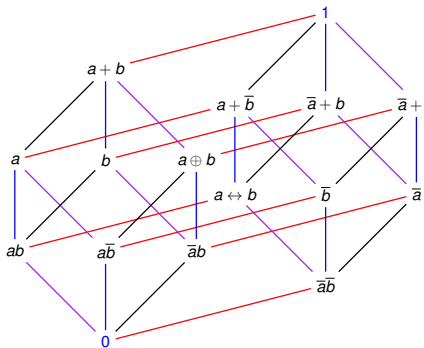
**MUX**  $s \cdot x + \bar{s} \cdot y$

**RAM** Random access memory

**Minority** Minority value among given inputs



# Boolean expressions



- $E = x\bar{z} + \bar{y}z + xy\bar{z}$
- $E = \frac{((xy)z)((\bar{x} + z)(\bar{y} + \bar{z}))}{((xy)z)((\bar{x} + z)(\bar{y} + \bar{z}))}$
- $E = x(\bar{y}\bar{z})$

- A SOP expression where each FP is a minterm is said to be in *disjunctive normal form* (DNF)
- The DNF of any SOP is unique (why?)  
– canonical SOP
- An element  $x$  in a BL is *maxterm* if it has 1 as its only successor
- A maxterm is a sum of literals involving all the variables
- Similar to SOP, *product of sums* (POS) may be defined
- A Boolean expression which is a product of maxterms is said to be in *conjunctive normal form* (CNF)
- The CNF of any POS is unique (why?)  
– canonical POS



# Alternate argument for minterm expansion

**Acceptance for complements:**  $\bar{x} = 1$  iff  $x = 0$

**Acceptance for products:**  $xy = 1$  iff  $x = 1$  and  $y = 1$

**Acceptance for sums:**  $u + v = 1$  iff  $u = 1$  or  $v = 1$

**Minterm expansion:** sum of distinct minterms

**Acceptance for minterm expansion:**

- An acceptance for minterm expansion on truth assignment of variables happens due to acceptance of exactly one minterm
- If  $m_i$  and  $m_j$  are two distinct minterms on variables  $x_1, \dots, x_k$
- Let  $m_i$  and  $m_j$  differ on  $x_p$
- Let  $x_p$  occur as literal  $x_{pi}$  in  $m_i$  and  $x_{pj}$  in  $m_j$
- Then  $x_{pi} = \overline{x_{pj}}$ , so if  $m_i$  accepts then  $m_j$  doesn't accept and vice versa
- This ensures that the minterm expansion is unique



# Number of Boolean functions

## By lattice:

- A Boolean lattice for a Boolean function of  $k$  variables has  $n = 2^k$  atoms as minterms
- A Boolean lattice with  $n$  atoms has  $2^n$  elements by the Stone representation theorem
- Each non-zero element has a unique representation in terms of the atoms (minterms)
- Thus there are  $2^n = 2^{2^k}$  distinct Boolean functions

## By minterm expansion:

- A Boolean function on  $k$  variables has  $n = 2^k$  possible minterms
- A minterm expansion results in a unique acceptance
- The minterms may be chosen in  $\sum_{k=0}^{k=n} \binom{n}{k} = 2^n = 2^{2^k}$  ways
- Each choice denotes a distinct Boolean function





# Boolean expression manipulation

- $xy + \bar{x}z + yz = xy + \bar{x}z$
- $(x + y)(\bar{x} + z)(y + z) = (x + y)(\bar{x} + z)$
- $T = (x + y)\overline{[\bar{x}(\bar{y} + \bar{z})]} + \bar{x}\bar{y} + \bar{x}\bar{z}$
- $xy + \bar{x}\bar{y} + yz = xy + \bar{x}\bar{y} + \bar{x}z$



# Exclusive OR

- $a \oplus b = b \oplus a$
- $(a \oplus b) \oplus c = a \oplus (b \oplus c) = a \oplus b \oplus c$
- $a(b \oplus c) = (ab) \oplus (ac)$
- if  $a \oplus b = c$  then 
$$\begin{cases} a \oplus c = b \\ b \oplus c = a \\ a \oplus b \oplus c = 0 \end{cases}$$



# Series-parallel switching circuits

- A transmission device may be treated as a gate (pass or block)
- MOS transistor, relay, pneumatic valve
- Normally closed (primed:  $\bar{x}$ ) or normally open (unprimed:  $x$ )
- Series connection denoted by AND
- Parallel connection denoted by OR
- $T = x\bar{y} + (\bar{x} + y)z$
- $T = x\bar{y} + \bar{x}z + \bar{y}z + yz = x\bar{y} + \bar{x}z + z = x\bar{y} + z$
- CMOS NAND, NOR



# Shannon decomposition

- $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1 \cdot f(1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + \overline{x_1} \cdot f(0, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
- $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (\overline{x_1} + f(1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) \cdot (x_1 + f(0, x_2, \dots, x_n))$
- Multiplexer realisation by Shannon decomposition or Shannon expansion
- Repeated application to obtain CNF or DNF of a given Boolean function



# Functional completeness

- Treated in Emil Post's functional completeness theorem
- Expressed in terms of five classes of Boolean functions

**T: T-preserving**  $f(T, T, \dots, T) = T$

**F: F-preserving**  $f(F, F, \dots, F) = F$

**L: counting**  $f(z_1, z_2, \dots, x_p, \dots, z_n) \neq f(z'_1, z'_2, \dots, y_p, \dots, z'_n)$  if  $x_p \neq y_p$  and  $z_i = z'_i$  if position- $i$  isn't dummy  
position- $i$  is dummy if

$$f(z_1, \dots, z_i, \dots, z_n) = f(z_1, \dots, \neg z_i, \dots, z_n)$$

i.e.  $f$  is invariant to changes in a dummy position

**M: monotonic** let  $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$  and  $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$ ,  
then  $X \leq Y \Rightarrow f(X) \leq f(Y)$ , where  
 $X \leq Y \equiv \forall i x_i \leq y_i$ , and  $F \leq T$

**S: self-dual**  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \neg f(\neg x_1, \neg x_2, \dots, \neg x_n)$

- A set  $\mathbb{F}$  of Boolean connectives is functionally complete if and only if for each of the five defined classes, there is a member of  $\mathbb{F}$  which does not belong to that class



# Classification of Some Boolean functions

$x$	$y$	$T$	$F$	$\neg_2$	$\wedge$	$\vee$	$\rightarrow$	$\oplus$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$	$[x, s, y]$		$\notin$
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	
1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	
T		✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓		$f_1$
F		✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓		$f_2$
L		✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		$f_3$
M		✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		$f_4$
S		✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		$f_5$

- By FCT,  $\mathbb{F}_1 = \{\uparrow\}$  and  $\mathbb{F}_2 = \{\downarrow\}$  are both functionally complete
- $\mathbb{F}_3 = \{[x, s, y], T, F\}$  is also functionally complete (why?)
- What are some other functionally complete sets of functions?
- All rows of a counting (L class) function have the same parity (disregarding the dummy columns)



## Defining $\neg$ using $f_1, f_2$ and $f_3$

- Let  $f_i^*(p) = f_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \big|_{x_1=x_2=\dots=x_n=p}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$
- Since  $f_1$  is not T-preserving,  $f_1(T) = F$ , similarly  $f_2(F) = T$  as  $f_2$  is not F-preserving, leading to the following incomplete truth table

$p$	$f_1^*(p)$	$f_2^*(p)$
$T$	$F$	$?$
$F$	$?$	$T$

- If  $f_1^*(F) = T$  or  $f_2^*(T) = F$ ,  $\neg$  is immediately realised, if not, we have the following truth table realising  $F$  and  $T$  (but not  $\neg$ )

$p$	$f_1^*(p)$	$f_2^*(p)$
$T$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$

- Since  $f_3$  is non-monotonic, it will have two rows

$x_1$	$x_2$	$\dots$	$x_k$	$\dots$	$x_n$	$f_3$	leading to	$p$	$f'_3(p)$
$z$	$z$	$\dots$	$F$	$\dots$	$z$	$T$		$F$	$T$
$z$	$z$	$\dots$	$T$	$\dots$	$z$	$F$		$T$	$F$

where  $z = f_1^*(-) = F$  or  $z = f_2^*(-) = T$



# Defining $T$ and $F$ using $f_1, f_2, f_3$ and $f_5$

- Since  $f_5$  isn't self complementing its truth table should have two rows

$x_1$	$x_2$	...	...	$x_n$	$f_5$
$z_1$	$z_2$	...	...	$z_n$	$z$
$\neg z_1$	$\neg z_2$	...	...	$\neg z_n$	$z$

leading to  $f'_5 = z$

- Note that  $\neg z_i = f'_3(z_i)$ , the output ( $f'_5$ ) is constant, either  $T$  or  $F$
- The other constant truth value may be obtained as  $f'_3(f'_5)$
- Thus, both  $T$  and  $F$  may be generated using  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  and  $f_5$





# Defining $g(p, q)$ with an odd number of Ts

- $f_4$  is not counting, so its TT will have (at least) two inputs  $\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$  and  $\langle y_1, \dots, y_n \rangle$  st
  - $f_4(u_1, \dots, u_i, \dots, u_n) = f_4(u_1, \dots, \neg u_i, \dots, u_n)$  as  $f_4$  is not counting
  - $f_4(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_n) \neq f_4(v_1, \dots, \neg v_i, \dots, v_n)$  position- $i$  isn't dummy
- Parity of Ts in the pairs of rows will be different, these rows will be used to define  $g(p, q)$
- The four rows and also the column reduction scheme ( $i \neq j$ ),  $z_1, z_2$  are either T or F

$x_1 \dots$	$x_i$	$\dots x_n$	$u_j = v_j = T$	$u_j = v_j = F$	$u_j = F, v_j = T$	$u_j = T, v_j = T$	$x_i = q$	$g(p, q)$
$u_1 \dots$	$u_i$	$\dots u_n$	T	F	$\neg p$	$p$	$q$	$z_1$
$u_1 \dots$	$\neg u_i$	$\dots u_n$	T	F	$\neg p$	$p$	$\neg q$	$z_1$
$v_1 \dots$	$v_i$	$\dots v_n$	T	F	$p$	$\neg p$	$q$	$z_2$
$v_1 \dots$	$\neg v_i$	$\dots v_n$	T	F	$p$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg z_2$

- All TTs with odd number of Ts can now be generated

$g$	$c_1^p$	$p$	$q$	$g_1$	$g_2$	$g_3$	$g_4$	$c_2^p$	$p$	$q$	$g_5$	$g_6$	$g_7$	$g_8$
$z_1$	$p$	T	T	T	T	F	F	$\neg p$	T	T	T	F	T	F
$z_1$	$p$	T	F	T	T	F	F	$\neg p$	T	F	F	T	F	T
$z_2$	$\neg p$	F	T	T	F	T	F	$p$	F	T	T	T	F	F
$\neg z_2$	$\neg p$	F	F	F	T	F	T	$p$	F	F	T	T	F	F
Matching with				$\vee$	$\leftarrow$	$\Leftarrow$	$\downarrow$				$\rightarrow$	$\uparrow$	$\wedge$	$\Rightarrow$

- Each  $g_i$  with T, F and complementation, as required, is FC

